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Letter dated 27 April 1995 from the representatives of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit the text of a message to the peoples of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the world community in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the victory over fascism, adopted by the Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States at their meeting at Alma Ata on 10 February 1995 (see annex).

We shall be grateful if you would have the text of the Declaration circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 36 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Message to the peoples of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States and to the world community in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the victory over fascism

The Heads of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States addressed themselves to the peoples of their countries and to the world community in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the great victory over fascism.

9 May 1945 will go down in the history of mankind as the most memorable and most significant date in the twentieth century - the day of the triumph of good and freedom, the day on which peoples were finally freed from the threat of fascist enslavement. The heroism of the Soviet army and of partisans and of members of underground movements, the persistent and self-sacrificing labour of our peoples in the rear, and the selfless courage, steadfastness and brotherhood of our peoples - these are what lay behind that great victory.

An important contribution to the fight against fascism was made by the Allied troops, by the anti-Fascist movements and by the efforts of the peoples of all countries in the anti-Hitler coalition.

The victory was a most striking example of the overwhelming strength of the collective spirit, the self-sacrifice of peoples and the individual heroism of those who rose up in defence of their right to freedom and human dignity, and of the ability of peoples throughout the world to unite in the face of a mortal danger.

The victory demonstrated the possibility of and the need for interaction among members of the world community in guaranteeing international security and preventing a new world war.

We shall never forget the enormous sacrifices made in the name of peace, freedom and democracy. On behalf of our compatriots, we appeal to the countries of the State members of the Commonwealth and to the world community to honour the memory of the fallen, carefully preserving the tangible expressions of it and giving their due to those still alive who played a part in the victory.

With a view to strengthening universal peace, we solemnly reaffirm the firm resolve of our peoples to bring about greater comprehensive cooperation both within the Commonwealth of Independent States and with all countries in the name of peace and prosperity.

We call upon all to redouble their efforts to prevent new threats to peaceful existence on our planet and eliminate existing and prevent possible conflicts, the tragic development of which might pose a challenge to the ideals of humanity and progress and bears within it the danger of new grief, destruction, and bloodshed.

Aware of our sacred duty to the fallen and living heroes of the great victory, we appeal to all peoples of the members of the Commonwealth of Independent States and to the world community to unite their efforts and will in order to save succeeding generations from the horrors and scourge of new wars.